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Title: *NOVEL ESTER DERIVATIVES OF BUPRENORPHINE AND THEIR PREPARATION PROCESSES, AND LONG ACTING ANALGESIC PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present divisional application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, effective July 31, 2003. Thus, amendments are being made to the claims and specification.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: